

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 24, 1873.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOWE, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

To authorize pre-emptors or settlers upon homesteads on the public land to alienate portions of their pre-emptions or homesteads for certain public purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That any person who has already settled, or hereafter may
4 settle, on the public lands of the United States, either by pre-
5 emption or by virtue of the homestead law, or any amend-
6 ments thereto, shall have the right to transfer by warranty,
7 against his or her own acts, any portion of his or her said pre-
8 emption or homestead for church, cemetery, or school purposes,
9 or for the right of way of railroads across such pre-emption or
10 homestead; and the transfer for such public purposes shall in
11 no way vitiate the right to complete and perfect the title to
12 their pre-emptions or homesteads.